

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 STATE 181662

64

ORIGIN SS-15

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 SNM-02 NSC-05 H-02 SSO-00 NSCE-00

/037 R

DRAFTED BY TEXT REC'D FROM WHITE HOUSE

APPROVED BY S/S:LCJOHNSTONE

EUR:LBLAINGEN

S/NM:DERNST

WH:COL MACFARLANE

----- 029558

O 010119Z AUG 75

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY ANKARA IMMEDIATE

UNCLAS STATE 181662

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MASS, TU

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO CONGRESSMAN RANGEL

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THERE FOLLOWS THE CORRECTED TEXT  
OF A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO CONGRESSMAN RANGEL  
WHICH WAS DELIVERED TODAY.

QUOTE:

JULY 31, 1975

DEAR CHARLEY:

IT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT MANY OF THE VOTES AGAINST  
THE BILL TO LIFT THE EMBARGO ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO  
TURKEY WERE BASED ON A MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE POLICIES  
OF MY ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE THREAT TO THIS COUNTRY  
POSED BY FOREIGN PRODUCERS AND EXPORTERS OF OPIUM.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I HAVE HAD A THOROUGH CONVERSATION  
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 181662

ON THE OPIUM SITUATION WITH PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL OF

TURKEY EARLIER THIS WEEK. I EXPLAINED TO HIM THE HIGH PRIORITY WHICH I PLACE ON THIS PROBLEM. I KNOW THAT YOU WILL BE PLEASED AS I WAS TO HEAR HOW STRONGLY THE PRIME MINISTER BELIEVES IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE CONTROLS ON THE PRODUCTION OF OPIUM POPPIES.

I ALSO WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT MY CONCERN IN TURKEY IS THE SAME AS MY CONCERN IN EVERY NATION IN WHICH OPIUM POPPIES ARE GROWN. ALL NATIONS OF THE WORLD -- FRIEND AND ADVERSARY ALIKE -- MUST UNDERSTAND THAT AMERICA CONSIDERS THE ILLICIT EXPORT OF OPIUM TO THIS COUNTRY A THREAT TO OUR NATIONAL SECURITY. SECRETARY KISSINGER AND I INTEND TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY DO.

AS I MENTIONED TO YOU ON THE PHONE FROM HELSINKI THIS MORNING, I LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THIS FURTHER WITH YOU AND THE CONGRESS UPON MY RETURN.

SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD.

THE HONORABLE CHARLES B. RANGLE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** MILITARY ASSISTANCE, DRUG TRAFFIC, OPIUM, COMMUNIQUE, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION, ARMS EMBARGO  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 01 AUG 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** n/a  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975STATE181662  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750265-0245  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750890/aaaadbej.tel  
**Line Count:** 83  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ORIGIN SS  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** ellisoob  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 03 FEB 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <03 FEB 2003 by ReddocGW>; APPROVED <12 JAN 2004 by ellisoob>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
06 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO CONGRESSMAN RANGEL FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THERE FOLLOWS THE CORRECTED TEXT  
**TAGS:** MASS, MARR, TU, US, (FORD, GERALD R), (RANGEL, CHARLES B)  
**To:** ANKARA  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006